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PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONNotes

January 4, 1951

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that through November 1950, farmers had put approximately 245,599,621 bushels of 1950 crop wheat, barley, oats, flaxseed, soybeans, corn and grain sorghums under Commodity Credit Corporation price support.

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PMA's most immediate job is to help farmers secure abundant production of the right commodities, Ralph S. Trigg, Administrator, told the annual conference of the Production and Marketing Administration.

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The work accomplished under the Agricultural Conservation Program has helped substantially in giving the Nation the agricultural strength that today is backing up the country's Defense Production Program.

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Exports of grain and grain products from the United States from the first of July to the first of December 1950 were 177.6 million bushels. Similar exports a year ago totaled 241.3 million bushels, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

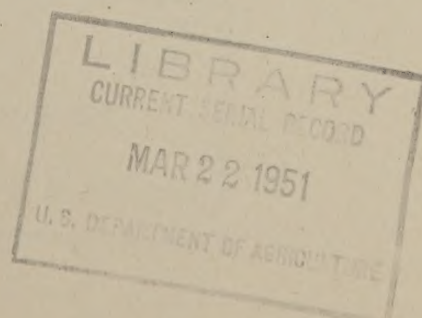
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Farmers of the U. S. seeded more than 56 million acres of land to winter wheat last fall. That's 6 percent more than a year ago, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will continue payment programs on honey to get more honey exported and to find additional uses for it at home. Since the program was begun last May, USDA has made payments on about 10½ million pounds of honey.

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Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has announced that there will be no acreage allotments on 1951 crops of corn and wheat.

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In 1949 the income from sales, plus the value of eggs and poultry consumed on farms where produced, came to \$3.5 billion, 11 percent of the total farm income, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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Up to the day after Christmas, sales under the International Wheat Agreement were 109,956,000 bushels. At the same time last year, the figure was 30,500,000 bushels. Principal buyers to date have been Germany, the United Kingdom, Mexico and the Netherlands, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The U. S. market basket is well-filled with food, and there's a promise of bountiful supplies ahead as we start the New Year. The Department of Agriculture expects our food consumption per person to climb a little in 1951, and also expects that we'll be paying more for the food we eat.

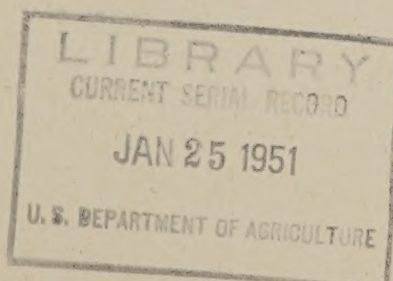
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Acreage planted to the 52 principal crops in 1950 totaled nearly 358 million acres, about 12 million less than in 1949 and, except for 1945 and 1946, the smallest since 1942, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The average net income per person on farms from all sources in 1949 was \$765, only about 50 percent of the average of \$1,520 for the nonfarm population, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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The Department of Agriculture has announced it will buy $4\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds of American processed cheese for schools cooperating in the National School Lunch Program.

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The U. S. produced a record crop of certified seed potatoes last year. Production is estimated at more than $40\frac{1}{2}$ million bushels. That's $11\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the 1950 crop of Irish potatoes, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The Nation's defense production has been substantially strengthened by soil and water conservation practices carried out on nearly 3 million farms by farmers cooperating in the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program, Ralph S. Trigg, Administrator of the P&MA, said recently in a summary of accomplishments of ACP during the past year.

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Larger annual pig crops resulted in an increase in hog slaughter in 1949 and again in 1950; and the continued uptrend in pig crops will bring another increase in hog slaughter in 1951, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Less alfalfa seed was verified as to origin between July 1 and December 1, 1950 than for the period the year before, according to the latest report from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A total of 15,303,000 pounds were verified as compared with 35,198,000 July 1 to December 1, 1949.

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Realizing the vital importance of adequate supplies of food and fiber for national defense, farmers are cooperating in the Agricultural Conservation Program. Through this cooperative effort they are carrying out soil and water conservation practices which check erosion and build up the production capacity of the soil.

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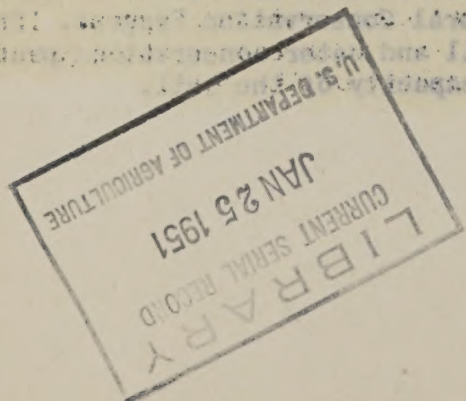
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Turkey growers plan to raise a record crop of turkeys this year. If growers carry out their intentions, the number of turkeys raised this year will be 44,773,000 about 1 percent more than in 1950, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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The fact that over 210 million of the 341 million acres harvested in 1950 were in grain crops emphasizes the importance of conservation farming, the Production and Marketing Administration points out.

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Foods listed on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Plentiful" list for February include: Eggs, broilers and fryers, turkey's, frozen fish fillets, cottage cheese, peanut butter, onions, sauerkraut and honey.

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The number of cattle on feed in the U. S. on January 1, 1951 was 5 percent larger than a year ago and the largest on record, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

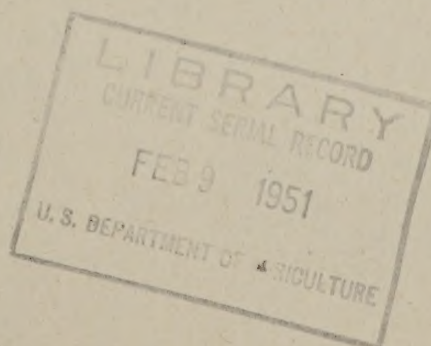
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January 31, 1951 is the last day on which farmers may apply for loans or purchase agreements on 1950 crop wheat, oats, rye, barley, soybeans and flaxseed, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Farmers are urged to go over their 1951 conservation plans with their PMA committeemen in order that the maximum amount of soil improvement practices may be carried out this year.

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